

Acceptable Journals for Nutrition Credentials

In general, the manuscript should demonstrate the candidate's understanding of the scientific method and study design, including statistics, and a critical evaluation of the literature. Original research publications and retrospective studies are examples of acceptable publications. The topics of the publication must be relevant to the discipline of veterinary or animal nutrition, and the candidate must be first or sole author.

The publication must be in a refereed scientific, human or veterinary medical journal. A refereed journal is one that is governed by policies and procedures established and maintained by a standing advisory and/or editorial board which requires critical review of all papers and approval by at least one recognized authority on the subject. Due to variability in editorial quality and process, all journals must be approved by the Credentials Committee prior to and separate from assessment of manuscript acceptability. The Acceptable Journal List is reviewed and updated annually, as warranted based on changes in journal availability, editorial process, editorial board and quality of review. The journals listed will be accepted for the following Credentials Application due date: October 1, 2025 (11:59pm MT).

The following journals have been found acceptable for candidate publications and meet the refereed journal requirement part of the credentialing review.

1. Advances in Nutrition
2. American Journal of Animal and Veterinary Sciences
3. American Journal of Veterinary Research
4. Animal Genetics
5. Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy
6. Australian Veterinary Journal
7. BMC (BioMed Central) Veterinary Research
8. British Journal of Nutrition
9. Canadian Journal of Animal Science
10. Canadian Journal of Veterinary Research
11. Canadian Veterinary Journal
12. Comparative Exercise Physiology
13. Current Developments in Nutrition
14. Domestic Animal Endocrinology
15. Equine Veterinary Journal
16. Frontiers in Veterinary Science
17. Journal of Animal Physiology and Animal Nutrition (JAPAN)
18. Journal of Animal Science
19. Journal of Applied Microbiology
20. Journal of Applied Physiology (American, European or Canadian)
21. Journal of Avian Medicine and Surgery

22. Journal of Comparative Pathology
23. Journal of Comparative Physiology
24. Journal of Dairy Science
25. Journal of Parenteral and Enteral Nutrition
26. Journal of Exotic Pet Medicine
27. Journal of Feline Medicine and Surgery
28. Journal of Nutrition
29. Journal of Nutritional Science
30. Journal of Small Animal Practice
31. Journal of Swine Health and Production
32. Journal of the American Animal Hospital Association
33. Journal of the American Veterinary Medical Association
34. Journal of Veterinary Dentistry
35. Journal of Veterinary Diagnostic Investigation
36. Journal of Veterinary Emergency and Critical Care
37. Journal of Veterinary Internal Medicine
38. Journal of Veterinary Medicine
39. Journal of Veterinary Pharmacology and Therapeutics
40. Journal of Veterinary Radiology & Ultrasound
41. Journal of Veterinary Therapeutics
42. Journal of Zoo and Wildlife Medicine
43. Veterinary Microbiology
44. New Zealand Veterinary Journal
45. Peer J (Veterinary Medicine)
46. PLOS (Public Library of Science) ONE or Biology
47. Preventive Veterinary Medicine
48. Research in Veterinary Science
49. The American Journal of Clinical Nutrition
50. The Veterinary Journal - Published by Elsevier
51. The Veterinary Record: Journal of the British Veterinary Association
52. Topics in Companion Animal Medicine
53. Veterinary and Comparative Oncology
54. Veterinary and Comparative Orthopaedics and Traumatology
55. Veterinary Clinical Pathology
56. Veterinary Dermatology
57. Veterinary Immunology and Immunopathology
58. Veterinary Medicine and Science
59. Veterinary Microbiology
60. Veterinary Ophthalmology
61. Veterinary Pathology
62. Veterinary Radiology and Ultrasound
63. Veterinary Surgery

If you want to have your manuscript published in a journal not on the approved list but accepted as part of your Credentials Application, you are required to submit the following information to the Credentials Committee through the staff liaison 12 weeks in advance of the Credentials Application due date according to Nutrition Specialty Manual section 8.

The information to be provided in a petition letter to the Credentials Committee in order to assess a journal's suitability are the following:

1. A list of the Journal's Advisory Board Members with a short biography of or contact information for at least three (3) individuals who are recognized authorities in veterinary or animal nutrition and who have reviewed manuscripts for that journal in the past year.
2. A list of Editors appropriate for your subject, i.e., veterinary medicine or animal nutrition
3. A description of the journal's scope
4. A description of the journal's Peer Review Process
5. A copy of the Instructions to the Authors

We are looking at the credentials of the Board Members and Scientific Editors to document their advanced training and experience in scientific writing, e.g., Ph.D., veterinary degrees, advanced specialization, leaders in their field of study, and extensive publication backgrounds. We are looking at the stated scope of the journal to match your manuscript subject and intended audience. We review the peer review process and author instructions for their publication criteria and statements of ethical behaviors, i.e., guidelines on experimentation and publication. A good example is PLOS One 'About' page: <http://journals.plos.org/plosone/s/journal-information>

Suggested readings for Candidates:

1. The Elsevier *Publishing Campus* is a free online platform that provides lectures, interactive training and professional advice on a wide range of topics including in particular 'Get Published' Quick Guide and 'Understanding the publishing process' Guide at <https://www.elsevier.com/authors/author-services>
2. 7 steps to publishing in a scientific journal by Aijaz A. Shaifh
<https://www.elsevier.com/connect/7-steps-to-publishing-in-a-scientific-journal>
3. Writing for Publication in Veterinary Medicine - A Practical Guide for Researchers and Clinicians.
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